FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith,
County Agent

Control Cattle Lice

Lice on cattle will reduce rate of gain and condition of cattle through winter months. Beginning a spray program now and repeating late winter or early spring, there are two materials that can be used satisfactorily. One is a lindane spray using one pound of 25% lindane per 100 gallons of water. The other is a DDT spray , and should not be used on calves three months old or younger and should never be used in higher concentrations than those that are recommended above.

DDT spray should be used to control lice on beef cattle only and should never be used on dairy cows.

Calves also should be wormed this fall if you have bought calves for your farm or if you are retaining replacement heifers or going to keep out some steers. Worming may be done by using phenothiazine. This material is used as a drench.

Transplant Ornamentals

October is an ideal month to plant or transplant evergreens. Evergreens fall into two groups: broadleaf and needle. The first is characterized by the rhododendron, and mountain laurel. The latter by the native hemlock, cedar, juniper, and arborvitae.

No simple answer can be given to the question as to which evergreens are best to use as this will depend largely on cost and the personal wishes of the home owner.

Broadleaf evergreens are more informal in the way they grow and the character of their foliage. The needle-type evergreens are more formal in general outline and foliage characteristics.

Broadleaf evergreens such as boxwood and Japanese hollies may be pruned to formal shapes. Fortunately, this does not destroy their foliage characteristics.

There are tall, medium and low plants in each group of evergreens. So there is little excuse for the common practice of using spruce, fir and similar tree-like paints for foundation plantings. Surely enough these plants look innocent when planted while small, but when they grow up, there is a different problem before us.

Therefore, if you are planning to plant this fall, get your order in now.

Farm Lighting

Good lighting in farm buildings is perhaps one of the least expensive tools farm people have available to them when it comes to saving time and labor, and increasing production, and making farm life even safer.

The types of fixtures we need in our farm buildings are relatively low in cost and the lighting itself adds very little to the electric bill.

A meter pole centrally located is a good place for lighting fixtures for general yard lighting. If you have no meter pole, mount the fixture on the corner of a building. Light then shines along two sides of the building and across the barnyard. However, remember when setting up this type of lighting system, that controls should be arranged for handling at both barn and house.

In some cases, you can use lighting to increase farm production without extra work on your part. For example, the use of lights in the hen house during the winter months will increase egg production. By using lighting in the milk house will keep the facilities spotless for better quality of milk production.

The workshop and barn also need good lighting. You can work faster more accurately and more safely. You can complete emergency repairs at night or on dark days, and a repair many of your farm tools and machinery without losing time from other work.

Good lighting in the barn helps in feeding and handling of livestock.

Farrowing Time

In the next six weeks, a lot of sows will farrow. Now is the time for us to consider some things which will help us raise as many of these pigs as possible.

First, remember to clean the walls and floors of the farrowing pen, using hot lye water for best results. Also, prior to putting the sow in the farrowing house, she should be washed as this will help reduce roundworms in the pigs. Wash only the sow's legs and udder in cold weather and then dry it off as soon as possible with a clean burlap sack, or other dry cloth.

Put the sow in the pen a few days ahead of time to allow her to become accustomed to the new surroundings, and make the ration more laxative by replacing about one third of the usual feeding with wheat bran.

Give the sow plenty of water but if you have an accurate idea of when the sow will farrow, withhold feeding for twelve hours before farrowing, then give nothing but water for 12 hours after farrowing.

Milk fever may develop during overfeeding, so feed the sow lightly for the first few days after farrowing. Full-feed the sow when the pigs are two weeks old, increasing the feed gradually in the meantime.

Now orphan pigs may be raised by hand, or, put into other litters if the sow will cooperate. Pigs raised by hand should be fed every two or three hours, using whole warm cow's milk and giving one half to one ounce at a feeding. Pigs will begin eating solid food at the age of two or three weeks, and after that two or three milk feedings a day will be enough.

In cold weather, put pigs under the brooder as soon as they arrive to prevent chilling.Pig brooders may be constructed from scrap lumber about the farm and using an infrared heat bulb.

Feed sows to gain about 75 to 100 pounds during pregnancy. Feed gilts to gain 100 to 120 pounds. Let the condition of the animals determine the feeding amounts, regulating so that they are neither too fat nor too thin at time of farrowing.

SMITH POINTS TO BENEFIT TO FARMERS OF WATER UNDER PRESSURE

More Appomattox County farm people should be enjoying the benefits of water under pressure, , according to Jim Smith, County Agent. Referring to electric water systems as one of the most valuable uses of electricity on the farm, he said users often fail to receive maximum benefits because they make mistakes in selecting and installing equipment.

Smith said careful planning helps in avoiding costly mistakes. He listed three common errors as pertaining to the source of water, selection of the pump and protecting the system from freezing.

He warned against buying a pump too small for the job. How big a pump to buy can be figured only after "a careful study of both present and future requirements." The pump must be capable of supplying a supply of water in its operation. "A smaller pump will be overworked, which in a few years of satisfactory service. Smith said. Various types of automatic electric pumps are on the market. Many water pumps may be protected by freezing, some by insulation, Smith reported. Still another method of full life of the system. Proper location for the pump will help lower cost and will increase convenience. Location should be free from flooding and should be well drained. Pressure tanks must be installed in basements or must be placed in a pit outside the house. If a structure must be built over a pump house is required.

"A reliable source of water, a pump of adequate capacity protected against freezing, and a foundation of a complete water system. After these basic requirements have been met, water can be piped in as needs develop and finances permit," Smith said.

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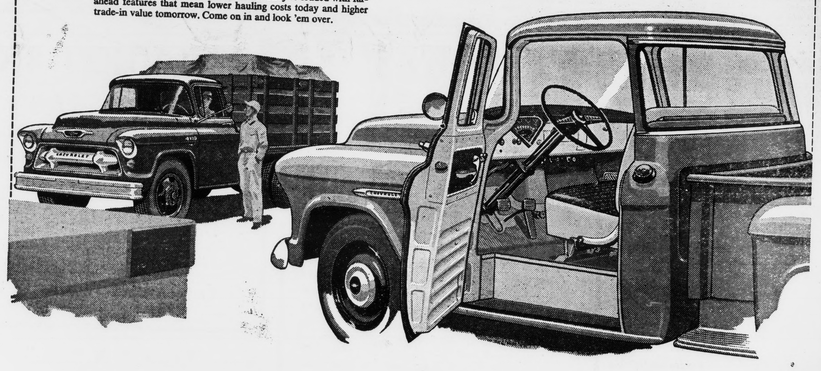

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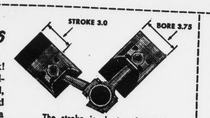

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1-4 cup water
2 tablespoons nuts chopped
10 dates pitted and chopped
1-2 cup diced pineapple
1-4 cup salad dressing

Peel and core apples. Cook candies and sugar in water until dissolved. Add whole apples and cook slowly until just tender. Drain and chill. Mix nuts, dates, pineapple with salad dressing. Stuff apple centers with this mixture. Service on lettuce.

Fried Apples

Apples
Butter or bacon fat
Cinnamon
Sugar

Core and slice applies with the skin on them. Cook in a little melted butter, or bacon fat until tender but not broken, turning once with a broad spatula. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Serve hot with crisp bacon, sausage or ham.

REPAYS LOAN 100-FOLD

New York.- Forty-eight years ago, David R. Steinman entered Columbia University on a $650 scholarship. He received his Ph. D. in 1911. Recently, Dr. Steinman, designer of the Henry Hudson Bridge and 300 other bridges on five continents, returned to the school to set up a $10,000 "debt of honor" scholarship fund. His recent grant brought to $650,000 the amount he has given the institution, repaying his own scholarship grant a hundredfold. The son of a factory worker, Dr. Steinman's first job was as a newspaper boy when he was 7. His current project is the $99,800,000 Mackinac Bridge in Michigan.

OMISSIONS COSTLY

Salisbury, Conn.- Brought to court Clifford Surdam paid $3 a year for each of the eight years he operated his car without a driver's license; $3 for telling a policeman he had a license when he didn't; and $3 each for the three trips the policeman made to Surdam's house to check the license that didn't exist.

Cook Books AND CHECK BOOKS

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Oct. 10.- We are so thankful for the nice shower we had Saturday A. M.

Rev. and Mrs. Colie Rock and children spent the week-end in Richmond with his parents. He went back to his old home church to see his father ordained as a deacon of the church. Rev. Aaron Smith, the pastor of Bethel Church filled his pulpit on Sunday night. We were delighted to have him visit our church and help our pastor so he could take the trip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited their little niece, Nancy Smith on Sunday. She has been sick in a hospital in Lynchburg. Glad to say she has returned to her home at Spout Spring.

Mrs. Florence Carson has returned to her home in Richmond after a visit with Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings and children, of Kingston, N. C. spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas and son, Frankie, of Appomattox visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday afternoon.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church will meet in the home of Mrs. C. M. Thompson on Wednesday of this week at 7:30 P. M. Hope everyone will attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler spent the week-end in Richmond with their son, Bob Wheeler, and his family, and to see their new granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler a few weeks back.

Virginia FFA Chapters Win Recognition

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 11.- Two Virginia Chapters Future Farmers of America were among the 57 chapters to receive the coveted "Gold Emblem" rating at the 28th National Convention of FFA in Kansas City this afternoon, when awards were presented in the FFA National Chapter Contest.

They were:

Ashland Chapter, Hanover County

Brookville Chapter, of Campbell County.

Hugh B. Jackson, principal of the Brookville High School, and V. B. Cauley, FFA Advisor, were present to receive the award on behalf of their school.

Melvin Walsh, president of the Ashland Future Farmers was present to receive the award for his chapter.

The Blacksburg FFA Chapter was awarded the "Silver Emblem" rating.

These chapters were honored for their outstanding activity records during the 1954-55 school year. Plaques were presented each chapter.

The ...ture Farmers of America has 8,868 ...local chapters in the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, with a membership of 383,219 high school boys studying vocational agriculture.

Typical of the chapter programs meriting the national award is that of the Brookville Chapter. Members of the Brookville Chapter completed an average of nearly four farming enterprises per member. The boys also completed an average of six improvement projects. One hundred per cent of the students own one or more of their enterprises. The chapter operates a purebred pig chain, which has contributed to the improvement of the quality of swine in the school area.

The Brookville FFA chapter also owns two registered Hereford Beef Bulls which are maintained for community service. One hundred per cent of the members of the chapter have established or assisted in maintaining home farm shops.

Each member established goals for earnings and investment in farming. Members of the chapter have an average savings and investment of $350 each. As a group, the chapter earned nearly $2,000 to finance activities for the improvement of agriculture.

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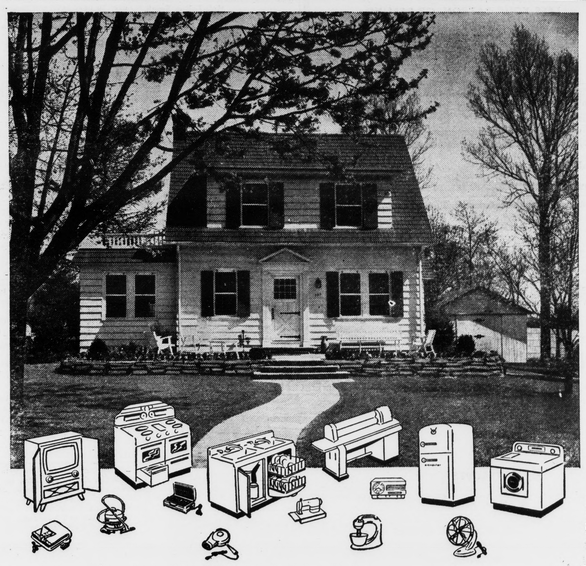

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